

THE WEEK IN HISTORY**He served in
Civil War, Spanish-
American War**

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

153 years ago: Three days after the firing on Fort Sumter, Captain John Butler and his Zouave Unit from Syracuse volunteered for federal service in the Union Army.

A week later, Butler's 77-man Zouave Company left Syracuse by railroad to join the 3rd NY Infantry Regiment as the first local contingent to leave for Civil War duty.

When the Spanish-American War broke out 37 years later in 1898, John Butler, then 64 years old, again offered his services to his country as commander of the Forty-First Separate Company, New York National Guard.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*